

# THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. LOTT. I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the Vice President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 316) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner by which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 316) was agreed to, as follows:

## S. RES. 316

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

# THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. LOTT. I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the President pro tempore for his service to the Senate, his State, and his country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 317) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Just briefly, Mr. President, I cannot let that resolution pass without some comment. I want to say to all my colleagues, there will be a moment here where Senator DASCHLE and I will be talking to the President and some of the Senators may want to comment on some of the resolutions we pass, but I cannot pass this one without saying again how much personally I appreciate the manner in which Senator THURMOND always conducts himself.

The distinguished Senator from South Carolina is truly a legend whom we all love. I have noted that on almost every occasion, if not every occasion, when the Senate came into ses-

sion, no matter how early it was or when it was, he was here; he escorted the Chaplain to the podium; he did his job; and he has done it admirably. We just appreciate it so much and wish him the very best in everything he endeavors in the future.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. If I could only add from this side of the aisle, I want to associate myself completely with the remarks made by the majority leader. Senator THURMOND has done the job of President pro tempore not only admirably but fairly, in a nonpartisan way. There are so many mornings when I have greeted him, and I know from what we all know to be Senator THURMOND's practice, he probably has been working out for at least an hour prior to the time he has come to the dais. Anybody who does that has respect on a bipartisan basis. We are privileged to have the opportunity to work with him.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution (S. Res. 317) was agreed to, as follows:

## S. RES. 317

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

# THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the distinguished Democratic leader for his leadership in the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 318) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 318) was agreed to, as follows:

## S. RES. 318

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Democratic Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative

and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 104th Congress.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, let me just say again how much I have appreciated the cooperation we have received. He has been helpful to me. We have had a very cooperative relationship. We have not always agreed. We did not get everything done today we wanted to do, but he has been very helpful. I think we have had a growing respect for each other, and we are going to be able to work together very productively for the good of our country in the years ahead. I look forward to that opportunity.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the majority leader. I would only say the same. I have enjoyed the opportunity, in the last 3 months, to work with him. I think it has been a productive time.

Obviously our disagreements preclude us from doing everything we would like. But there are times when we can overcome those disagreements and work in a way that I think can make this country quite proud.

# COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. DASCHLE. In that regard I have a resolution that I send to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 319) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 319) agreed to, as follows:

## S. RES. 319

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Majority Leader, the Senator from Mississippi, the Honorable TRENT LOTT, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 104th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

# AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF A SENATE DOCUMENT

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to the resolution which I now send to the desk on behalf